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1. Prior to 5 April 1953, a Polish Army unit was stationed at Grudziadz (Q 54/D 53). The unit, which was located in billets about 100 meters from the bank of the Vistula River, performed a 6-week course whose program included instruction in hydraulics and other subjects of engineering.¹
2. Prior to December 1952, a Polish infantry unit of about 300 men was located in the so-called White Barracks located directly south-east of the Rynek River and on the south side of ul. Srednia in Starogard Gdanski (O 54/D 38). The unit daily marched to the so-called Red Barracks on the western perimeter of the city to receive meals. Motor vehicles observed at the unit included ten factory-new Soviet-made 3-axle trucks, two US-made 3-axle trucks and four jeeps. The factory-new Soviet motor vehicles had arrived in the spring of 1952. No weapons other than infantry weapons and eight mortars of about 120 mm on two pneumatic wheels were seen. The officers' mess of the unit was located in the former Pomorzanka coffee bar, at the corner of the market-place and ul. Srednia.
3. Prior to December 1952, motor vehicles were observed parking in the Red Barracks on the western perimeter of the city and on the north side of ul. Nowowiejska, opposite the cemetery. Apartments for married officers and NCOs were in the direct vicinity of the barracks installation. The guards of the barracks installation, who were furnished by the unit located in the White Barracks, wore army uniforms with red cap bands. Source did not know to what extent the Red Barracks served as billets.
4. The post training ground was about 1 km west of the perimeter of the city, on the north side of the road to Rokicin (Q 54/D 38). Prior to December 1952, no troops other than the infantrymen stationed at the post, who also held driving school with trucks on the training ground, were observed at the installation. In the fall of 1952, five structures resembling watchtowers, from which soldiers fired with subcaliber rifles at targets about 70 meters away, were constructed about 100 meters north of the road.²
5. The Polish Military District headquarters was on the north side of ul. Dworzowa near the railroad.

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